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TAGS: PINT, UG
SUBJ: INTERNAL SITUATION IN UGANDA

THE FRG EMBASSY HAS CABLED THE FOLLOWING REPORT
(NO. 237, DATED JUNE 30, 1977) ON THE INTERNAL
SITUATION IN UGANDA IN THE WAKE OF THE ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT ON AMIN.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. ON SATURDAY, AT 18:06 HRS., AN ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON AMIN BY AIRFORCE UNITS IN THE AREA
NEAR ENTEBBE. HOWEVER, IT FAILED AND AMIN WAS ONLY
SLIGHTLY INJURED BY A BULLET IN ONE OF HIS LEGS (IF
HE WAS WOUNDED AT ALL). AT THE SAME TIME, UNITS OF THE
MALIRE-REGIMENT STATIONED IN BOMBO TOOK UP ARMS, BUT
WERE QUICKLY SUBJUGATED.

2. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST
AMIN HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE
ARMY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER OFFICERS. IT IS SAID THAT
THEY WAITED ONLY FOR A SIGNAL TO ATTACK, WHICH
DID NOT COME SINCE THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FAILED.

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THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HIGH RANKING OFFICERS
AROUND AMIN WERE INVOLVED IN PLANNING THE ATTEMPT.

3. AMIN WAS, AT ALL TIMES, COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF
THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHAT
CAUSED HIS DISAPPEARANCE IN ARUA IN THE NORTHWEST
PART OF THE COUNTRY, WHICH AMIN LATER TRIED TO EXPLAIN

AS HAVING BEEN A LATE HONEYMOON WITH HIS WIFE SARAH.
IT IS CERTAIN THAT AMIN LOVED THE PUBLICITY HE
RECEIVED IN WESTERN NEWS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY SINCE
HE WAS ABLE TO BRAND THE SPECULATIONS ABOUT HIS DEATH
OR HIS INJURY AS A "DEFAMATORY AND FALSE MESSAGE" FROM
THE BRITISH AND KENYAN PRESS.

4. MASS PERSECUTIONS AND LIQUIDATIONS AMONG THE
POPULATION WHICH HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE WESTERN
NEWS MEDIA APPEAR TO BE WRONG. THERE WERE EXTENSIVE
PURGES WITHIN ONLY THE ARMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE MALIRE
REGIMENT, AND THE AIR FORCE.

5. CONTROL MEASURES ON THE STREETS, WHICH WERE KEPT
UP UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 24, SERVED MAINLY TO TRACE
FUGITIVE SOLDIERS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE COUP
ATTEMPT. IT IS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT LEADERS OF THE
PUTSCH HAVE ESCAPED.

6. SINCE THE LAST WEEKEND THE SITUATION IN THE
COUNTRY IS BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN.

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